CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: MAS.avi

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1100548.018

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English

Applicant: the High Court at Wellington

Classification:	Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 29 June 2011

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	MAS.avi	0:25
Total running time:		0:25

Summary of reasons for decision:

The availability of the computer moving image file is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 16 years. The publication is a short, low quality clip of implied masturbation between two young men. This material is likely to adversely affect impressionable children and younger teenagers who are still in the process of forming sexual attitudes and behaviours.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in the application of the criteria of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 to this publication. The classification

places a limit on the freedom of expression, but this restriction is reasonable, demonstrably justifiable and the minimum required to avoid injury.